



# **The Domestic Violence Program**

**(formerly the Domestic Abuse Assistance Program)**

## **Annual Report Overview 2007**

The Domestic Violence Program (DVP), located within the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS), is the sole government entity in the State of Colorado dedicated entirely to funding and sustaining community-based domestic abuse programs across the State. DVP ensures that services to victims of domestic abuse and their children are readily available throughout Colorado's diverse communities. DVP funding consists of three sources, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, and the Colorado Domestic Abuse Fund Income Tax Contributions.

In 2007 programs funded through DVP...

**Responded to 38,863 emergency crisis calls.**

**Provided 96,172 nights of shelter to 5,117 victims.  
43% of these shelter residents were children.  
On average, victims spend 50 days in shelter.**

**Turned away 6,341 victims from shelters due to a lack of capacity.**

**Provided transitional housing to 269 victims.**

**Provided 103,739 individual counseling sessions, 54,643 group counseling sessions, and 95,895 advocacy sessions to victims and their children.**

**Provided services to 11,712 victims between the ages of 25-29.  
This number represents 50% of the total victims served.**

**Provided services to 8,497 victims living in rural communities.**

**Provided services to 162 victims who identified as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.**

**Provided services to 2,052 individuals with limited English proficiency through the use of bilingual advocates or translators.**

**Provided services to 1,540 individuals with a disability.**

**Provided services to a wide range of victims from varying racial and ethnic groups.  
51% of the victims served Anglo, 28% were Hispanic, 4% were African American, 2% were Native American,  
2% were Multi-Racial, 1% were Asian-Pacific Islander, and 12% were from other groups or unknown.**

**Used 3,102 volunteers who contributed 305,341 hours of services.**

**Provided 3,653 community education and technical assistance training presentations.**

### **Contact DAAP**

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DVP operates with the guidance of two groups – the Advisory Committee and the Selection Committee. DAAP's Advisory Committee, which meets monthly, provides guidance with regard to the overall direction of the program. 2007 members include:

- Alicia Calderon, Colorado's Attorney General's Office
- Mary Clair, CDHS Child Support Enforcement
- Kenya Lyons, Colorado Division of Criminal Justice
- Delores Nelson, El Paso County Department of Human Services
- Peggy Rogers, CDHS Aging and Adult Services
- Pam Stewart-Maddox, San Miguel Resource Center
- Carol Wahlgren, CDHS Child Welfare
- Denise Washington, Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence

DVP's Selection Committee is responsible for reviewing all applications for funding and making recommendations to CDHS. 2007 members include:

- Margaret Abrams, Denver District Attorney's Office
- Art Atwell, CDHS Workforce Development
- Donna Bailey, Violence Prevention Coalition of Southwest Colorado
- Nancy Feldman, Colorado Department of Public Safety, Division of Criminal Justice, Office for Victims Programs
- Angela Gover, University of Colorado, Program on Domestic Violence
- Paula Hammond, Project Safeguard
- Spiro Koinis, Denver Adult Probation Department
- Levetta Love, El Paso County Department of Human Services
- Mary McGhee, CDHS Division of Boards and Commissions
- Tamika Payne, Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault
- Judy Page, Colorado's Attorney General's Office
- Jalice Vigil-Kelly, Office of the State Court Administrator
- Randy Saucedo, Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Ana Soler, Front Range Earth Force